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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2005, the due date for response to which is October 24, 2005, due to the intervening weekend, the Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Species III for further prosecution, without traverse. Species III encompasses Figures 9, 10, and 11. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9, 10, 11 and 12 read on the elected species.

In addition, the Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application before examination thereof, as set forth below: